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ANNEXATION

1. A JULY 22 PEOPLE'S DAILY COMMENTARY ENTITLED " BARBAROUS
AGGRESSIONS" STEPPED UP PRC CONDEMNATION OF INDONESIA'S ANNEXATION
OF EAST TIMOR. CALLING THE JULY 17 ANNEXATION "NAKED AGGRESSION
AGAINST A SOVERIGN STATE BY THE INDONESAIN AUTHORITIES",
THE COMMENTARY NOTED THAT THE CHINESE PEOPLE RESOLUTELY SUPPORT
THE EAST TIMORESE WAR OF NATIONAL LIBERATION. IT CLAIMED THAT
FRETILIN, THE TIMORESE LIBERATION GROUP, CONTROL 85 PERCENT
OF EAST TIMOR, BUT THE ARTICLE CONTINUED TO STOP SHORT OF
EXPRESSING EXPLICIT PRC GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR THE MOVEMENT.

2. JUST AS THE INDONESIAN INVASION OF TIMOR LAST DECEMBER
PROMPTED A PRC INVITATION TO FRETILIN AND AN INCREASE IN
PROPAGANDA SUPPORT, SO THE MID-JULY INDONESIAN ANNEXATION OF
THE TERRITORY HAS SPURRED THE PRC INTO PUBLICLY RENEWING
ITS SUPPORT FOR FRETILIN ON A PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE LEVEL.

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SINCE THE INDONESIAN ANNEXATION THE PRC HAS KEPT UP A

MEDIA BARRAGE BACKING FRETILIN AND RELAYING THE LATTERS'
CLAIMS OF GUERRILLA VICTORIES. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE
INDONESIAN TROOPS ENTERED TIMOR LAST DECEMBER, NCNA JULY 20
CRITICIZED PRESIDENT SUHARTO BY NAME. ON JULY 23, NCNA
RAN AN ARTICLE FROM THE VIETNAMESE PAPER "NHANDAN" WHICH
ALSO DENOUNCED THE INDONESIAN ANNEXATION, ONE OF THE FEW
RECENT OCCASIONS WHEN PEKING AND HANOI HAVE EXPRESSED
COMMON VIEWS.
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